THE MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEUR'S CLUB, INC.
THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Milwaukee, Wis., August 30, 1950

Dear OM:

Our summer vacation is drawing to a close, and regular meetings will be resumed Sept. 7 at the usual meeting place--conference room--Public Library.

The directors have met every month during this vacation, with a few special meetings thrown in, and have tried to set up a good program for the coming year. It is their intentions to make the weekly meetings as interesting as possible and hope that the membership will see fit to increase their interest by attending the meetings more regularly and be free to submit suggestions. A good attendance is the only reward to the officers and directors for the time they have devoted to the club and amateur radio.

Aside from the usual and traditional activities of the MRAC, a new one confronts us of vital importance; that is, EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS. This, you all know, has been brought about by the Korean situation, and it is obvious that we will, as we always have done, be ready to serve.

The Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club is now a part of the Civil Defense and Disaster Committee, being welcomed into that organization at their August meeting. Fire Chief Edward E. Wischer, who is their director, will be our guest speaker October 12 and will talk on the meaning of the CDDC.

On August 8 a special mobile meeting was held to form a mobile group, working directly with the club. A committee of five was appointed to organize and set up the fundamentals necessary for good co-ordination, both for pleasure and emergency activities. Mobile activities are at their peak during the summer months and this should tie in nicely with extending MRAC's continuity of amateur radio during the club's vacation. Our mobiles have already covered one assignment in communications for the club, which was the Sentinel's Soap Box Derby. The club received a letter of appreciation from the Milwaukee Sentinel, who invited us to serve in the 1951 Derby. Another item of interest in the mobile wing is that Col. Phillip Westfahl is contemplating using the club's mobiles for parades in Milwaukee.

The directors are happy to report that our boys participated in the July Field Day. We believe that Field Day is synonymous with emergency operations and no interest should be lost--likewise it is a very important factor in any radio club's curriculum. Many of our members have stations that can be moved for portable operation suitable for Field Day, but of course lack emergency power. I am very much in favor of purchasing several gasoline driven generators so that several field day units can be inaugurated. When such equipment is available to its members, MRAC will be able to demonstrate its ability in emergency communications. We now have permission from the Milwaukee Police Department to store any such emergency equipment on their premises.

We have the assurance of three of our members to act as code instructors, who will be on hand every Thursday night from 7 to 8. Several students have already enrolled, and if you know of any one desirous in learning the code, pass along the word.

As an additional incentive for those wanting to get tickets, we have arranged to have discussions on theory, in line with questions used in the Class A and B examinations. This should also be interesting to all members, to brush up.

The membership committee has been quite active and many applications for membership have been received. Our membership is way under par considering what MRAC is doing for amateur radio, and it is up to every member to be alert in contacting new amateurs as well as old ones to induce them to become members.

The club enjoyed a very nice picnic this year--we will endeavor to carry on other traditional events for the coming year.

DON'T FORGET SEPT. 7--GOOD FELLOWSHIP ALWAYS--GET A NEW MEMBER--"73"

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